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REFS: (A) STATE 079063, (B) STATE 069374, (C) ANT 0263,
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AM TOTAL MISSION RESOURCES (OPTIMAL)

PERSONNEL: DIRECT HIRE (INCREASE) CONTRACT (INCREASE)
US LOCAL US LOCAL

STATE	8 (3)	19	1	3
AID	0	0	0	0
ICA	2	14(2)	2	19
DATT	2	1	0	0
TOTAL (INCREASE)	12 (3)	34(2)	3	22

	OPTIMAL	INCREASE
PROGRAM	269,459	15,000
STATE (S&E)	636,039	15,000
AID	500,000	500,000
ICA	432,736	55,000
DATT	37,632	---

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SELF HELP	35,000	25,000
TOTAL	1,641,407	595,000

ADMINISTRATIVE:

STATE (FAAS)	366,580	---
ICA	56,912	20,000
DATT	23,601	---

TOTAL 447,093 20,000

B. THE PRESENT MINIMUM STAFFING OF THIS POST IS SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE OUR IMMEDIATE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH IN REFS C AND D AND PREVIOUS. AS THESE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE TO A LARGE EXTENT TO BE ACHIEVED BY PERSUASION AND PATIENCE, THEY NEED NO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES OR PROGRAM INPUT AT THIS TIME EXCEPT FOR THE INCREASE IN THE ICA BUDGET, JUSTIFIED IN REF C. THIS ICA INCREASE IS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING COMPONENT OF OUR CULTURAL PROGRAM AS STATED IN OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. THIS PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL AND VISIBLE PROOF OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO ENTERTAIN BETTER RELATIONS WITH MADAGASCAR, REGARDLESS OF THE EXISTING DISPUTES BETWEEN US. THIS INCREASED BUDGET WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY IN FY-80 UNLESS A WAY IS FOUND TO RETURN TO THE PREVIOUS FUNDING ARRANGEMENT FOR ENGLISH TEACHING, WHEREBY ICA RECOVERS FOR ITS OWN USE THE RECEIPTS OF THE PROGRAM-- AT PRESENT THEY ARE TURNED INTO THE US TREASURY. THE ADDITIONAL STAFF REQUIRED IS TWO LOCAL NATIONALS, AND THE INCREASED FUNDS TOTAL DOLS 55,000 (35,000 FOR PROGRAM AND 20,000 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS).

-- IF OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE (RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING DISPUTES) IS ACHIEVED PRIOR TO FY-80-- AND THIS IS ASSUMED IN THE ABOVE FIGURES--STATE PERSONNEL WILL NEED TO BE EXPENDED
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TO ALLOW FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AMBASSADOR AND HIS SECRETARY. THIS WILL NOT IN ITSELF REQUIRE A LARGE INCREASE OVER THE STATE FY-78 BUDGET, AS THE LATTER WAS DRAWN UP TO ALLOW FOR SUCH AN APPOINTMENT. THE THIRD ADDITIONAL STATE AMERICAN EMPLOYEE REFLECTED IN THE ABOVE PROJECTION REPRESENTS AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATOR MADE NECESSARY BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TERP SYSTEMM. THE TERP INSTALLATION MAY ALLOW A REDUCTION OF ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE, SINCE THE REPRODUCTION/DISTRIBUTION WORKLOAD WILL BE REDUCED.

-- A NORMALIZATION OF THE US/MADAGASCAR RELATIONSHIP, I.E., THE RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING DISPUTES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AMBASSADOR, WOULD REQUIRE AN ACCOMPANYING RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC AID IN AT LEAST TOKEN QUANTITY TO PERMIT THE US TO EXPLOIT DIRECTLY ITS RENEWED INFLUENCE, IN PURSUIT OF GOAL II, DENIAL OF MADAGASCAR'S AIRFIELDS AND PORTS TO HOSTILE MILITARY FORCES. I HAVE THEREFORE INCLUDED AN AID ALLOCATION (400,000 FOR MADAGASCAR AND 100,000 FOR THE COMOROS) AND DOLS 25,000 IN SELF-HELP FUNDS (IN ADDITION TO THE 10,000 ALREADY ALLOCATED FOR THE COMOROS IN FY-78).

-- OUR NEWLY-ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMOROS, IF
IT IS TO PROSPER AND PERMIT US TO PURSUE OUR TWO MAIN GOALS
(ENCOURAGEMENT OF A NON-ALIGNED POSTURE AND INCREASED SUPPORT
FOR US POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA), WILL REQUIRE THAT
SOME SORT OF ECONOMIC AID BE PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO THE
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ALREADY AUTHORIZED. I HAVE

THEREFORE ADDED DOLS 100,000 IN AID FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.
I HAVE ALSO ADDED 5,000 FOR IV PROGRAMS FOR COMORIANS AND ICA
TRAVEL TO COMOROS.BARRETT

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